

**BUILDING CODE APPEALS BOARD  
DOCKET NO. 11-1079**

Town of Ashfield,  
Appellee

The Board convened a public hearing on December 20, 2011, in accordance with G.L.c. 30A, §§10 & 11; G.L.c. 143, §100; 801 CMR 1.02; and 780 CMR 122.3. All interested parties were provided an opportunity to testify and present evidence to the Board. The following exhibits were admitted in evidence: (1) State Building Code Appeals Board Appeal Application, received December 2, 2011; (2) copies of three photographs of certain exterior views of Ashfield House; (3) copy of a first floor plan of Ashfield House; (4) copy of a letter, dated December 19, 2011, from the Chief of Police for the Town of Ashfield Police Department.

### Discussion

The Board discussed considerations such as the low, virtually non-existent crime in the Town; the fact that a telephone is provided in the lobby to contact residents or public safety agencies (there is no cellular telephone service in the Town). Further, the Chief of Police for the Town did not oppose allowing a variance from the requirement to install a door buzzer system.

### Conclusion

The Board considered a motion to allow a variance from 105 CMR 410.480 (based on the considerations discussed above and in the exhibits) ("Motion"). The Motion was **approved** by unanimous vote.



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H. Jacob Nunnemacher

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Douglas Semple, Chair

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Alexander MacLeod

*Any person aggrieved by a decision of the State Building Code Appeals Board may appeal to Superior Court in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §14 within 30 days of receipt of this decision.*

DATED: February 8, 2012